

VOTE NEXT THURSDAY.

Fort Mill Citizens to Pass Upon Township Bond Issue.

The biggest thing in the way of a bond issue yet undertaken by the Fort Mill community will be determined at the polls on Thursday, June 2, when the qualified resident electors of the township go to the polls to pass upon a proposed bond issue of \$75,000 for road improvements in the township. The election will be conducted in strict conformity to the law. Every elector offering to vote will be required to produce and display to the election managers his registration certificate and tax receipt showing that all taxes assessed against him and collectible during 1920 have been paid. Herbert Harris, Joe M. Belk and W. M. Wilson have been named by the board of county commissioners as election managers. The polls will open at 7 o'clock a. m. and close at 4 o'clock p. m.

The proposed bond issue was given impetus at a meeting of the citizens of the township in the Fort Mill town hall several weeks ago. At first the talk was of rebuilding only the road between the town and the Catawba river bridge, a distance of two miles, but this talk was abandoned when it was pointed out that with a bond issue of about twice that amount practically all the main roads of the township could be improved with top soil or sand-clay.

Following the recent citizens' meeting the York county board of commissioners agreed to appropriate \$10,000 for road improvements in Fort Mill township and the county legislative delegation agreed to set aside \$20,000 for the same purpose, which with federal aid of \$10,000 recommended by the State highway commission makes a total of \$115,000 available for road work in the township if the bond issue is voted.

Under the act of 1920 providing for township bond issues in York county, the money arising from the sale of such bonds is expended under the direction of three township road commissioners appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the legislative delegation. The commission is authorized to select the roads to be repaired and to determine the material to be used in the work.

Since the election in Fort Mill township was ordered by the board of county commissioners several weeks ago, little discussion of the matter has been heard on the streets of Fort Mill or in other public places. Proponents of the bond issue say that while they do not expect the proposition to be endorsed unanimously at the polls, they do not look for more than half a dozen negative votes at most. Should the bond issue be approved and ready sale found for the bonds, it is expected that work on the section of road the commission decides to repair first will be begun late in the present summer or in the early fall.

Cashier Oakley Out.

The resignation of C. S. Oakley, for the last two years cashier of the Savings bank of Pineville, was accepted a few days ago by the board of directors. Following the acceptance of Mr. Oakley's resignation, a bank examiner visited the bank and made a thorough examination of the books. The bank is entirely solvent, but since it was decided to change cashiers the directors, well known Pineville business men, have succeeded in getting control of a majority of the stock, in the hands of Mr. Oakley since he became connected with the institution. Pending the election of a cashier, C. V. Walton, from the American Trust company, Charlotte, is temporary filling the position of cashier.

Many Stills Destroyed.

Prohibition enforcement officers operating from the Asheville, N. C., headquarters since January 1, 1920, captured and destroyed more than 1,000 stills, apprehended a little less than 500 blockaders and destroyed enough whiskey and beer to float a battleship, according to a summary of the work just made.

FRAMING ROAD POLICY.

Congress Takes Up Problem of Federal Aid for Highways.

Congress has begun forming a new policy for federal aid in road building. The senate committee on postoffices and post roads has begun hearings on the bill introduced by its chairman, Senator Townsend of Michigan. The bill would create a national highway commission and provide for a system of trunk roads throughout the country. The house committee plans to take up at an early date the road bill introduced by Representative Dowell of Iowa.

A prolonged fight between the senate and house over road legislation is expected. Senator Townsend believes his bill will be reported and passed by the senate. Champions of good road legislation in the house are lining up behind the Dowell bill, which would furnish more local roads. Indications are that each house will pass its own bill and the differences will have to be threshed out in conference.

The Townsend bill would permit the use of federal funds only on interstate roads. It proposes in a general way north and south and east and west highways across each State in the union.

The Dowell bill provides a double system of State roads, interstate and intercounty, the two to total at the beginning not more than 7 per cent of the road mileage of the State. In short, the Townsend bill provides for the building of federal trunk line highways by the government with State aid, and the Dowell bill for the construction of interstate and intercounty roads by the States, with federal aid and federal supervision to insure connected interstate systems and guard against waste of federal funds.

RAPS COL. HARVEY.

Stevenson Recalls Utterances of Ambassador at Charleston.

In the house of representatives Saturday Representative Stevenson attacked Ambassador Harvey for the latter's statement at the "Fragrants" dinner in London that the United States "entered the war to save its hide—not to save civilization."

Mr. Stevenson said that in an address in Charleston in 1906 Harvey "boasted that some of his ancestors during the Confederate war were so yellow they hired substitutes and that one went to jail rather than fight to preserve the union," adding that he supposed the ambassador soon would be telling the British that his ancestors had refused to fight for American independence.

The following language was attributed to Col. Harvey at the Charleston banquet:

"At the outbreak of the Civil war, of my immediate ancestors living were two grandfathers, my own father and nine uncles. They were Northern men. Not one of them had ever crossed the Mason and Dixon line. They regarded any form of slavery with abhorrence, but not one of those 12 men ever lifted his hand against his white brother in the South. From their meager store and from necessity, 11 of them furnished the federal government with the sums of money fixed for the procurement of substitutes. One uncle, perhaps the best able of the 12 to do so, absolutely refused and chewed the cud of bitter reflection for nearly two years in the county jail. Whether at that time, under those circumstances, I should have done as they did, I do not know, but the facts are family history and constitute the basis of my assertion that I have an absolute and unqualified right to speak to you men of the South the words of a fraternal heart."

Millionaire Day Laborer.

Howard Parmenter of Wayland, Mass., is a millionaire who gets up at 5 o'clock in the morning, works on a farm all day and goes to bed with the chickens. He wears overalls and a slouch hat, milks the cows, hoes the potatoes and works harder than any one else on his farm, for he is not a "gentleman farmer." He inherited the fortune of the late Jonathan Parmenter, original "overall millionaire."

LEGION POST REVIVED.

Name Changed to "Eli Bailes" at Enthusiastic Meeting.

With about a score of former service men in attendance, the Fort Mill post of the American Legion was reorganized at an enthusiastic meeting last Wednesday evening by the election of Col. W. H. Nims commander, Jas. T. Young vice commander, and Bruce D. Culp adjutant. A matter to demand the early attention of the meeting was the motion of Capt. F. M. Mack that the name of the post be changed from "Fort Mill" to "Eli Bailes," in honor of one of the Fort Mill boys who lost his life in the World war. The motion of Capt. Mack was unanimously adopted. The post then appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of securing and furnishing quarters suitable for club rooms and the committee is to report at an early meeting. Others matters which claimed the attention of the meeting was the proposition to erect a monument on the plot in New Unity cemetery where a number of soldiers who lost their lives overseas are buried and the competitive drive now under way to round up every former service man in the community for membership in the local post.

Last night it was stated that the next meeting of the post would be held next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock over Lytle's drug store and that all ex-service men are urged to be present. At the meeting last week two teams were appointed to secure new members of the post. Capt. Geo. H. Potts is in charge of one team and Herbert Harris the other. Last night Capt. Potts' team had secured 25 new members against 21 for Herbert Harris'.

RED TAPE ERA.

Government Honeycombed by Useless Bookkeeping.

This is no longer a government of the people; it is a government of red tape, says a Washington newspaper.

If the United States government buys a mule, a corps of veterinary doctors examine the mule until the poor creature is reduced to a state of mental dissolution, whereupon said mule is passed on to the next station of red tapeists, who measure its ears, legs, belly, tail, etc., recording their findings in several ledgers.

By the time the mule escapes, it is no longer a tamed or domesticated animal, but is ready for the wildest sections of this democracy.

The illustration applies to everything connected with the government: it is an endless chain of useless bookkeeping, to conduct which thousands of men and women are employed.

Washington city reminds you of a gigantic wheel of red tape.

What is spent for print paper alone would feed every starving child in Christendom; tons of worthless documents are shipped from Washington; millions of pounds of stuff leave the public printer, and hundreds and thousands of employees are paid to bundle this junk and deliver it to the mails; and this waste grows with the years.

R. F. D. Convention.

The annual meeting of the R. F. D. men of York county will be held in Fort Mill Monday morning, May 30, in the town hall. It is expected that a number of short talks in the interest of the service and the carriers will be made by members of the organization, following which officers for the ensuing year will be elected. A considerable number of carriers from various sections of the county are expected to attend the meeting and the local carriers are looking forward with pleasure to entertaining the visitors, especially since this is the first meeting the county association has held in Fort Mill. At the close of the business session in the town hall a fish fry will be given on the banks of the Catawba.

W. B. Meacham, Sr., is spending several days in Greenwood this week attending the meeting of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias.

SCHOOL TERM ENDS.

Fort Mill Graded School Closes Session Friday Evening.

The closing exercises of the Fort Mill graded school, session 1920-21, will be held in the school auditorium tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of the graduating exercises of the 11th grade, an address by Prof. W. H. Ward of the Greer schools, former superintendent of the Fort Mill graded school, and the awarding of the diplomas, certificates and school honors. The salutatory will be given by Miss Hallie Grigg, the class history by Arthur Young. Douglass Jeter will read an essay, Ladson Mills the class will and Harman Harkey the class prophecy. Miss Marjorie Parks will be the class valedictorian. The address by Mr. Ward will follow the class exercises.

J. E. Carroll, superintendent of education for York county, is expected to deliver the State diploma to the graduates, to whom J. B. Mills, chairman of the board of trustees, will present the certificates. Bruce H. Stribling, superintendent, will then award honor certificates to the pupils that have distinguished themselves by having perfect attendance records or unusually high scholarship records during the session. The \$5 gold piece offered by the local chapter of the D. A. R. to the high school student making the best scholarship record during the session also will be awarded.

Friday night the first of the commencement exercises of the school were held at the auditorium which was filled with patrons and friends of the school, despite the inclement weather. All the grades from the first through the seventh took part in the exercises and all did well. Chopping and crowning the May queen by pupils of the third, fourth and fifth grades proved one of the most popular numbers on the program. The singing of the primary grades also was greatly enjoyed as were the features given by the sixth and seventh grades.

Sunday morning the Rev. E. R. Mason, pastor of the First Methodist church of Lancaster, preached the sermon to the graduating class in the school auditorium. The choir for the services was composed of the high school glee club.

Want Road Fund Divided.

A delegation of citizens from the Gold Hill, Flint Hill and Sutton school districts of Fort Mill township Monday afternoon appeared before J. J. Bailes, chairman of the Fort Mill township road commission, and requested that instead of the township road fund being used as a whole to work the roads under the jurisdiction of the commission that it be split up and that the amount of money paid in by each of the school districts for which the committee spoke be returned to those districts for the upkeep of the roads therein. Mr. Bailes told the committee that he would submit the matter to the road commission at its next meeting. Following the hearing he said that if the request should be complied with, the chances were that there would be less money for use on the roads in those districts than the commission contemplated using on them.

Crane-Lemmond Marriage.

A marriage of interest to many friends of the young couple took place in Fort Mill last Thursday afternoon when Miss Eula Mae Crane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crane, became the bride of Grady L. Lemmonds. The officiating minister was the Rev. W. R. Bauknight, pastor of St. John's Methodist church. The wedding was at the home of the bride's parents and only a few close friends and relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Lemmonds left the same afternoon for Charlotte, where they will make their home. Mrs. Lemmonds has a wide circle of friends in the community who regret that her marriage will take her away from Fort Mill. Mr. Lemmonds formerly lived in Fort Mill, but has made his home in Columbia and Charlotte since the close of the World war, in which he served as a sergeant of the Fort Mill supply company of the 30th division.

STATE LAWS PARAMOUNT.

Conflicting Ordinances of Town Councils of No Force.

South Carolina municipalities are not clothed with authority to set aside or through their city or town councils modify or pass ordinances in conflict with acts of the General Assembly, which are paramount to laws of municipal bodies just as the laws passed by Congress take precedence over State statutes. For the information of those who may be otherwise informed or who may be entirely without information on the subject, The Times prints the following opinion recently written on the subject by a South Carolina authority:

"Any municipality chartered under the general laws of the State is purely and simply a creature of statute just as any other corporation is, and it gets its powers solely from the acts under which it is incorporated and it is clothed with only such authority as the statute law gives it. Certainly no town ordinance is paramount to a statute pertaining to any of the functions or authority of that town, and where there is a conflict between the town ordinance and a statute, the statute is paramount. This is not only so provided in section 2995, volume I of the Code of 1912, but is a well recognized principle of law in connection with municipal ordinances.

"The constitutionality of any ordinance or statute can only be determined in the end by a court of competent jurisdiction. Of course any lawyer is entitled to his opinion of the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of an act of the General Assembly or of an ordinance of a municipality, but this has no judicial weight and certainly is not conclusive of the question."

BONDS FOR RIVER BRIDGE.

Court Expected to Pass on Mecklenburg Issue at Once.

The Mecklenburg-York bridge over the Catawba river seems nearer realization than ever before, according to the Charlotte Observer of Tuesday.

York and Mecklenburg counties two or three years ago agreed to build a bridge across the Catawba at "Buster Boyd" site, between the two counties. York county was to pay one-third the cost of the bridge and Mecklenburg county two-thirds. York's money for the bridge has been available for the last two years, but there was doubt of the validity of the Mecklenburg county bonds which the commissioners of that county decided to sell for the purpose and action was taken in the superior court by a taxpayer to restrain the county from issuing the bonds. The superior court held that the bonds were valid and the case was then appealed to the supreme court, which is expected to soon render a decision in the case.

The proposed bridge has been discussed for several years. It is to cost \$120,000. It will open up considerable territory in Bethel township, York county, and will be on almost a straight line between Charlotte and York. If the Mecklenburg bond issue is upheld by the supreme court work on the bridge is expected to be begun within the next two or three months.

With the highway improved from Fort Mill to the point on the State line nearest the bridge under the proposed \$75,000 bond issue of the township, Fort Mill business interests are anticipating "but the building of the bridge will result in the bringing of not only a considerable volume of trade here from Bethel township, but that the improved highway to the North Carolina line in the neighborhood of the bridge also will bring to Fort Mill many farmers and others from Mecklenburg county to purchase supplies and transact other business.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. W. H. Dyches, Miss Martha Dyches, Hampton Dyches and Miss Marjorie Parks motored to Heath Springs Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nellie E. Small, widow of the Rev. R. E. Small, a former pastor of the Heath Springs Baptist church.

BAPTISTS IN CHATTANOOGA.

Incidents of Great Convention of Southern Church.

(Written for The Times.)
The Southern Baptist convention, which met in Chattanooga on May 12th and lasted through May 17th, has a constituency of 25,000 churches with a combined membership of about 3,000,000 members in 17 States and the District of Columbia. The convention is thoroughly democratic, being composed of men and women, ministers and laymen, without distinction. There were more than 5,200 delegates enrolled at the Chattanooga meeting which was held in the Billy Sunday tabernacle, with a seating capacity of 7,000 or more. The Woman's Missionary union meeting this year was separate and, with the visitors, brought the total attendance to 9,000 or 10,000. The convention this year was called the "Loyalty" convention. At Washington last year the "Victory" convention enrolled more than 8,000 representatives from the churches and associations. In Atlanta two years ago the enrollment was 4,200, or more than 2,000 in excess of the number enrolled at any preceding convention.

I have always heard that "pleasant company makes the way short." And I am assured that this is true. The fellowship of a convention party is always a goodly fellowship. It was no less so on this trip than on others of its kind which I have had the pleasure of attending in the past. One of the greatest pleasures of these gatherings is the meeting of friends of other years and places brought together from the ends of the earth. This is literally true here because in addition to those one knows in the different sections of the Southern convention territory he has the privilege of meeting and greeting missionaries from almost every country on earth.

The Rev. J. R. Smith and the Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Epps were the only Fort Mill people who attended the convention besides myself. At the convention I saw four former pastors of the Fort Mill Baptist church and on the train near Gaffney a former pastor of the Presbyterian church. At Spartanburg we met a large number of delegates from Columbia and the lower section of the State. The Rev. S. P. Hair of Fountain Inn carried a delegation numbering 20, two of this number being Presbyterians.

We ran into a hail storm at Landrum and as we climbed Salluda mountain we beheld the unusual but pretty sight of the ground well covered with ice of snowy whiteness, giving it a wintry appearance, though the trees were clothed with living green.

The convention sent a message of love and sympathy to Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Texas, who has been its president for the past four years. It also received from him the inspiring message, "Do right and go forward." Dr. E. Y. Mullins, for the past 21 years president of the Southern Baptist seminary, Louisville, Ky., was elected president of the convention. A. W. Chambliss, mayor of Chattanooga, is a son of the Rev. Dr. J. A. Chambliss, the first full graduate, 1862, of the seminary. The mayor's mother is still living and one of the happy incidents of the convention was her presentation to it during the hour when the seminary was under discussion.

All the work of the boards of the convention, with its colleges, seminaries, hospitals, etc., was well discussed and found to be in excellent condition. During the foreign mission hour about 50 of the board's more than 400 missionaries were introduced and a number of them made brief addresses. The board is planning to send out another hundred workers during the present year. Dr. R. L. Scarborough, director of the conservation commission, reported that, notwithstanding the statement made by a religious paper in the North that Southern Baptists had "fallen down" on their 75,000,000 campaign and that they would "never be so foolish again," more than \$25,000,000 had been paid in on the subscriptions